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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated March 27, 2006, applicants provisionally elect the species of Claims 8 and 20 for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-30 are present in the above-captioned application, and the application has been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following patentably distinct species are present in the claims:

Claims 7 and 21: an acousto-optical (AO) device;

Claims 8 and 20: an electro-optical (EO) crystal; and

Claims 9 and 22-25: a rotating chopper device.

It is the Examiner's position that the claims above contain patentably distinct species, and requires the election of a single disclosed species.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Claims 8 and 20, an electro-optical (EO) crystal. Applicants acknowledge the right to have claims of the non-elected species to be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim. Currently, claims 1, 16 and 26 are generic.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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